

The OSHC Conference 2023: Nurture the future

Supporting and inspiring the next generation

Tuesday 30 May–Wednesday 31 May 2023
9.45am–2.15pm

VIRTUAL EVENT



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Child Care

Vision into Practice



Join a host of highly-acclaimed speakers, including a keynote from award-winning filmmaker, author and body-positive activist and 2023 Australian of the Year, **Taryn Brumfitt!**

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Acknowledgement of Country

Community Child Care Association (CCC) acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of this nation and the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work. We recognise their continuing connection to culture, land, water and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present. We acknowledge the strength of family connection and kinship within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their ongoing dedication to educating and caring for children. Sovereignty of these lands was never ceded.



Artwork by Yorta Yorta and Gunnai
artist Dixon Patten.



Department of Education Outside School Hours Care Team

The Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Team supports and guides schools in the operation and delivery of OSHC services and a targeted intervention and support program seeking to improve the quality of school council run OSHC services. We provide the following programs and services:

- **OSHC Establishment Grants Initiative** – funding is available to Victorian government schools delivering primary aged education without an existing OSHC program or those who would like to expand existing OSHC provision to add new sessions of care. More information is available at this link: www.vic.gov.au/oshc-grants-initiative
- **Tailored Intensive Support Program** – we offer customised support to school council services rated as Working Towards NQS, or otherwise needing assistance.
- **High Intensity OSHC** – we run OSHC services at 5 specialist schools in Melbourne and Bendigo that support children with disability. These services are the only ones of their type in Australia. More information is available here: www.vic.gov.au/high-intensity-outside-school-hours-care-initiative-for-students-with-disabilities
- **Network and Professional Development opportunities** – we run networking sessions with educators working in the services we support. We also provide free learning modules available to any service. The Included@OSHC modules provide training on working with children with complex disabilities at your service. The Supporting Quality Practice in OSHC learning modules will help you learn and implement strategies that support the implementation of quality programs for children, families and community in an OSHC setting.

If you would like more information about any of these programs, or need advice about decision-making processes involved in OSHC provision at your school, email us at oshc.central@education.vic.gov.au

Day One

Tuesday 30 May 2023



9.45am **Welcome to Country**

The OSHC Conference will officially begin with a Welcome to Country from the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. Together, we'll take a moment to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands from which we will educate, learn and grow over the next two days.

10.00am **KEYNOTE**

Taryn Brumfitt

2023 Australian of the Year, award-winning filmmaker, author, speaker and body-positive activist

Empowering children to create a healthy relationship with their body is an essential step in nurturing strong physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. Every day children are exposed to harmful messaging in media and advertising that can shape the way they see themselves. Taryn's award-winning work in this space will help you discover ways you can celebrate body diversity in your service and encourage children to feel comfortable in their skin regardless of their shape, size, skin colour or ability.

+ **Book your ticket** to the OSHC Connect event for an exclusive screening of Taryn's highly acclaimed film – Embrace Kids!

10.55am Break

11.00am **Introducing members of the OSHC Vic subcommittee**

Sharyn Veale

Wheeler's Hill Primary School OSHC Coordinator and OSHC Vic subcommittee member

Ben Mason

Westgarth Primary School OSHC Coordinator and OSHC Vic subcommittee member

Lucy Harberts

OSHC sector development expert, Community Child Care Association

When it comes to your career, OSHC provides an endless array of opportunities. Some educators fall into OSHC, and for others, it's their goal from the very beginning. Regardless of how you found yourself here, do you know where it can take you? Hear from Sharyn, Ben and Lucy as they walk you through their professional journeys and learn about the different paths each embarked on to make it to where they are today.

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11.30am **LIGHTNING TALK: Optimising engagement and wellbeing – Supporting children’s play with loose parts**

Angus Gorrie

Playworker and Play Advocate

Play is fundamental in supporting children’s development. Join Angus to learn about a Playwork theory known as compound flexibility that unpacks what ‘flow’ might look like for children as a state of wellbeing. Careful consideration of physical space and practice can shape how children feel and interact with play. Find out how you can create the most conducive learning environment to support the wellbeing of children in your space.

11.45am **LIGHTNING TALK: The needs of the older child – Wellbeing and development in young people**

Associate Professor Peter Azzopardi

Paediatrician, Co-Head of Adolescent Health and Researcher

As children approach adolescence and their bodies and minds begin to change and grow, different wellbeing needs arise. In what can often be a turbulent time for young people, having the right support to face a big period of transition in their lives is important. In this session, Associate Professor Peter Azzopardi will explore how educators can play a role in helping children navigate developmental changes, and ensure they feel safe and supported in education and care settings.

12.00pm **Ask the experts**

Join Ben Mason, Sharyn Veale, Angus Gorrie and Associate Professor Peter Azzopardi, facilitated by Lucy Harberts.

Got BIG, burning questions for our panel? Now’s your chance to find the answers!

12.30pm Break



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1.00pm

Child-Friendly Communities

Carmen Cappello & Amy Treyvaud

Representing the Child Friendly Cities and Communities Advisory Group

Have you considered the importance of child-friendly cities and communities? In this session, learn how the Victorian Child Friendly Cities and Communities Charter principles recognise the need for children's participation in decision-making and consulting on a range of topics. The fundamental understanding of the purpose of consultation is that as adults we have a responsibility to hear the views and voices of young people and children because what they have to say is worth listening to. Consultation provides children and young people an opportunity to influence decisions that affect their lives.

1.30pm

Bringing adventure back into a child's day

Scott Norris and Anita Kerrigan

Adventure Patch

Unearth how the environment can be your teacher in inspiring the next generation of children to grow, explore and play! Adventure plays a vital role in teaching us how to engage with the world around us respectfully and encourages curiosity. Learn how children can improve relationships and build their self-regulation, resilience, self-worth and social conscience through adventure play.

2.00pm

Understand how your Inclusion Professional can help you

Victorian Inclusion Agency

Hear from Inclusion Professionals from the Victorian Inclusion Agency (VIA) about how they can support your OSHC service to ensure every child thrives. Inclusion Professionals work with your education and leadership teams to build your inclusive practice and remove any barriers to inclusion.

2.15pm

Day one wrap-up

Together, we'll recap the Day One highlights!



BOOK PREMIUM PACKAGE

OSHC Connect event

Tuesday 30 May 2023

6.30pm–

Exclusive screening – *Embrace Kids*

9.30pm

Thornbury Picture House
802 High Street, Thornbury VIC 3071

Join us for First Nations fusion canapes and a drink on arrival at this year's conference in-person networking event, before an exclusive screening of the keynote speaker Taryn Brumfitt's award-winning documentary, *Embrace Kids* at The Thornbury Picture House.

Embrace Kids explores children's relationships with their bodies and covers diversity, social media, disability, gender identity and the importance of representation. A must-see for all educators, the documentary helps children and adults alike to recognise stereotypes, repair unhealthy habits and understand that whatever body they're in, it doesn't define who they are.

Spots are very limited, so [book your Premium Package](#) early to ensure you don't miss out!



Day Two

Wednesday 31 May 2023



9.45am Acknowledgement of Country

Nartarsha Bamblett

Indigenous leader and facilitator, speaker, storyteller and entrepreneur

Day Two will begin with an Acknowledgement of Country from Nartarsha Bamblett, who will explore how connection can be a mechanism for change. Nartarsha believes acknowledging self, culture and country is the way forward and emphasises the importance of understanding privilege and stereotypes.

9.55am Department of Education foreword

To kick things off, we'll start with a message of thanks and appreciation to all OSHC educators, from the Victorian Department of Education.

10.00am KEYNOTE: The importance of cultural safety for First Nations children and young people in education and care settings – Why Child Safe Standards matter

Commissioner Meena Singh

Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People

Recent updates to the Child Safe Standards have introduced requirements for services to provide cultural safety in their environments. In this session, Commissioner Meena Singh will discuss the new standards and explore the importance of cultural safety for First Nations children and young people. The presentation will look at what the changes to the standards mean, why they were introduced and how they can help you keep children safe.

10.25am Panel: Nurture the future

Facilitated by Jo Drummond - Director, Culture Sphere

Nartarsha Bamblett – Queen Acknowledgements

Miranda Edwards – Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)

Merle Hall – KU Children's Services

This panel will bring together the perspectives of First Nations women on their hopes and dreams for the next generation of children, and how we can provide education and care that provides nurture, support and a true sense of belonging for children and families.

11.10am Break

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11.15am **We need to talk about Pedagogy in OSHC... Is there a unique Australian way?**

Catharine Hydon
Sector expert

Sandra Cheeseman
Sector expert

For many years, Australia's eclectic children's education and care sector has debated over our understanding of pedagogy. Despite our enthusiastic adoption of our national frameworks and an expanding collection of exemplary practice examples, an appreciation of a unique Australian pedagogy in children's education and care eludes us. Is there such a thing as a unique Australian way? If so, what ideas might feature and how do we share the story with our community? Join Sandra Cheeseman and Catharine Hydon in this interactive presentation.

12.15pm Break

12.45pm **My Time Our Place: Provocations and opportunities in the revised OSHC framework**

Dr Bruce Hurst
OSHC Research Fellow

Critical reflection and ongoing professional learning

Associate Professor Jennifer Cartmel
School of Health Sciences and Social Work at Griffith University

You might remember Bruce and Jennifer from past OSHC Conference events, with their longstanding work on the national My Time, Our Place Framework. In 2023, they'll discuss the latest updates to My Time, Our Place before exploring passive leisure and what it means for children in OSHC. Discover strategies to plan for downtime and understand how you and your team can lead by prioritising children's rights.

1.45pm **Reflection**

Daniela Kavoukas
Services Manager at Community Child Care Association

Before we close The OSHC Conference for another year, we'll come together to take a moment to reflect and recap the key takeaways of the past two days.

2.00pm **Conference concludes**

Julie Price
Executive Director at Community Child Care Association

And that's a wrap! Join us as we conclude The OSHC Conference for 2023 and find out what's next for CCC and the OSHC sector.

Keynote speakers



Taryn Brumfitt (she/her)

Award-winning filmmaker, author, speaker and body-positive activist

Winner of 2023 Australian of the Year, Taryn Brumfitt is here to change the world!

Taryn is the fiercely passionate thought leader behind the Body Image Movement, the Director of the inspiring documentary *Embrace* seen in 190 countries and a three-time bestselling author. She is also an internationally recognised speaker, winner of 2023 Australian of the Year and was named alongside Emma Watson and Beyonce in Germany's Woman of the Year.

Taryn's fire in the belly has seen her bump *Baby Shark* off the iTunes number 1 song, direct a film that has been viewed by millions across the globe and her work has been recognised by United Nations Women, Amy Poehler's *Smart Girls* and the Geena Davis Institute. Ashton Kutcher also famously praised her activism as "good for the world".

Voted as General Electric's highest-rated speaker, Taryn has reached over 200 million people and is a sought-after impact producer for creative organisations and individuals. She is known for her ridiculous amounts of energy and making the impossible – possible.



Commissioner Meena Singh (she/her)

Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People

Meena Singh is a Yorta Yorta and Indian woman, born and living on the land of the Kulin Nations. She has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne, a Bachelor of Laws and a Graduate Certificate in Business from Monash University. She has 20 years' experience in legal practice and policy, consulting, and training design and delivery. She combines her lived experience with professional expertise and is passionate about understanding individual and community identity and experiences to promote inclusion, connection and ultimately achieve social justice.

Meena has held senior roles at a number of organisations, including inaugural Associate Director, Aboriginal Services at Victoria Legal Aid (where she began her legal career in criminal and human rights law), leading organisational change to promote cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and clients, and Director, Legal Practice, with the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service. Her consulting work has seen her work with many organisations such as Djirra, Brimbank Community Legal Centre and Hanover Housing Services (now part of Launch Housing). Meena is currently the Victorian Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People.

Who you'll hear from...



Angus Gorrie

Playworker and Play Advocate

As a playworker and play advocate, Angus Gorrie is passionate about providing authentic play opportunities for children, wherever they may be, and pushing back against increased play deprivation and play bias. Angus has qualifications in Behavioural and Social Sciences and Playwork. He also spends his day as a practitioner working in a large Adventure Playground. It is this experience and the stories that come with working in a practical setting, combined with the theory and knowledge of study that shape and guide Angus's perspectives and points of view.



Ben Mason (he/him)

Westgarth Primary School OSHC Coordinator and OSHC Vic subcommittee member

Ben has worked in OSHC and Vacation Care services in the community-managed sector for over 17 years. He is currently the Coordinator at Westgarth Primary OSHC in Northcote. Ben designs a program that support children's social and emotional development and wellbeing. He is committed to encouraging children to be active participants in their worlds, contributing members of their community and promoting prosocial behaviour. Ben is also an accomplished musician and craftsman and brings this creativity to all aspects of his work.



Dr Bruce Hurst (he/him)

OSHC Research Fellow

Bruce Hurst is a Research Fellow at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne. He is one of a small number of researchers specialising in Outside School Hours Care (OSHC), an important yet under-researched play, leisure and care setting. He is interested in seeking children's perspectives through participatory research methodologies. His work draws on post-structural theories of power and knowledge in ways that provoke re-examination of how children are theorised and the implications for practice. In 2014, Bruce won the Freda Cohen Prize for his research work. He is the Deputy Chair of the Community Child Care Association.



Catharine Hydon
Sector expert

With over 30 years' experience leading and advocating for quality early childhood education and care, Catharine Hydon's work, as the Principal Consultant and Director at Hydon Consulting, focuses on supporting professionals to explore the relationship between theory and practice. Cultivating professional dialogue that responds to complexity and invites deep reflection is central to Catharine's work and is informed by a Masters in early childhood education specialising in practice and governance. Catharine is a long-time member of Early Childhood Australia (ECA), an active contributor to ECA's Reconciliation work and a regular contributor to ECA publications. Catharine has been a member of the ECA Code of Ethics working group for the last two reviews and is a co-author of ECA's Ethics in Action Implementation guide. Catharine is also a Board Member of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority and Reggio Emilia Australia Information Exchange and has been appointed as a second-tier reviewer for the Australian Children's Educational and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).



Daniela Kavoukas (she/her)
Service Delivery Manager, Community Child Care Association

Daniela is a tenacious leader. Early on in her first director job, Daniela discovered her service was on the brink of closure. Through determination and strong leadership, she steered her community-owned co-op from struggle to success. Daniela's acumen as a talented educator was recognised when she was awarded the Inspirational Educator Award in 2013 and the National Teaching Award in 2014. She is also a former board member of the Children's Services Coordinators Association. Daniela is passionate about providing a voice for service directors and educators on the issues that matter to them.



Associate Professor Jennifer Cartmel
Child, Youth and Family Practice

Jennifer Cartmel is the Associate Professor of Child, Youth and Family Practice in the School of Health Science and Social Work at Griffith University. Jennifer foreground critical reflection as both a research approach and a tool for professional development. Jennifer's research contributes to increasing professionalisation across the school-age childcare workforce, working closely with state governments and peak associations to deepen understanding about the features of outside school hours care services. Her research about children's social and emotional wellbeing has expanded to the role as Chief Investigator Education Lead with the Intergenerational Practice Project. Jennifer's expertise spans the early childhood and middle childhood periods, and she has an extensive professional network spanning policy and practice in children's services.



Jo Drummond (she/her)

Director, Culture Sphere

Jo Drummond is a proud Murri, with a connection to Yirandali Country in Queensland. First and foremost, she is a mum of six. An advocate for opportunity, connector and influencer for change. Jo has worked extensively across Government, Mining and Education sectors as a People and Culture professional and Project Manager. She is a passionate challenger supporting the journey with organisations to genuinely embed diversity, inclusion and cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Coaching individuals in building self-confidence, capability and understanding to support equality in the workplace. Jo steps up and shares her own experiences and interactions to create opportunities to empower mob to bring their aspirations to reality.



Julie Price

Executive Director, Community Child Care Association

Julie is a skilled leader and manager. Julie joined Community Child Care Association as project manager for the Victorian Inclusion Agency. In just six weeks Julie led the establishment of nine regional offices, the recruitment of 50 staff state-wide, and the operationalisation of the strategic plan. Now, as our Executive Director, she draws on her studies in organisational psychology to lead CCC into this next phase of development. Her vision is to build on the strong history of CCC as a leader and advocate for not-for-profit and community-owned education and care services.



Lucy Harberts (she/her)

OSHC sector development expert, Community Child Care Association

Lucy knows the importance of connection and has spent her professional career advocating for Victorian OSHC services. She has extensive experience in local government, as well as the tertiary and schools sectors. Lucy is a passionate advocate for OSHC and believes OSHC services require a culture of care to not only be sustainable but to reach their full potential.



Merle Hall

Innovative Solutions Cultural Facilitator/KU Children's Services

My name is Merle Hall. I'm a proud Bangerang Wiradjuri and Taungurung woman from country Victoria. I work for KU Children Services as the Innovative Solutions Cultural Facilitator. I have 5 amazing children and am the author of the books Adventures of the Little Black Trackas.



Miranda Edwards

National workforce advisor for SNAICC

Miranda Edwards is a Noongar woman from the Knarla Boodja Wilaman tribe of Western Australia, who has lived in the Victorian town of Shepparton for 16 years. Miranda is a mum of 3 children, is an acknowledged leader in Aboriginal early years education and a strong advocate for increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander attendance at early childhood education and care centres. A former secondary school teacher, Miranda also holds a Bachelor of Education in Kindergarten and Primary School Teaching, and a Diploma of Early Childhood. Miranda is also the Chair of Bangerang Cultural Centre – the first Aboriginal Cultural ‘keeping place/museum’ that houses important collection of artefacts and artworks from Aboriginal communities across Australia.



Nartarsha Bamblett (she/her)

Indigenous leader and facilitator, speaker, storyteller and entrepreneur

Nartarsha Bamblett, known as Queen Acknowledgement, her acknowledgements extend beyond just empty words, that is too often tokenised has amplified its true meaning. Incorporating dance, song and soul they serve as a true representation of Indigenous culture, country and ancestry. Beyond just the acknowledgements she is a fierce and authentic speaker, presenter, activist and educator who has developed workshops and healing programs aimed at connecting to mind, body and soul through culture, history and country.



Associate Professor Peter Azzopardi

Paediatrician, Co-Head of Adolescent Health and Researcher

Peter Azzopardi leads a program of research around global adolescent health, with a strong focus on health equity. He was a contributor to the Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing and has consulted on adolescent health to governments in Australia and the region, as well as DFAT, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization. He is the co-head of Adolescent Health at the Burnet Institute, a clinical research fellow at the Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute and a team leader in the Population Health theme at the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute.



Dr Sandra Cheeseman

Sector expert

Over more than 30 years in the early childhood sector, Sandra's professional and academic roles have included early childhood teacher, director, author, editor, senior executive and senior lecturer in early childhood at Macquarie University, Sydney. Sandra has been a key collaborator on a variety of projects and consultancies for government and other education agencies, including the first Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). Her subject expertise spans early years curriculum, assessment, program quality and leadership. Her research and professional work has focused on the translation of theory to practice – particularly in relation to early childhood curriculum. Sandra co-authored the book 'Leadership – Contexts and Complexities in Early Childhood Education', and co-edited 'Pedagogies for Leading Practice' and 'Conceptualising and Re-conceptualising Children's Rights in Infant-Toddler Early Childhood Education and Care'. Sandra has also served on several executive boards including the Australian Children's Educational and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA), The Infants Home Ashfield, Community Child Care Cooperative NSW and Lady Gowrie Sydney.



Sharyn Veale (she/her)

Wheeler's Hill Primary School OSHC Coordinator and OSHC Vic subcommittee member

Sharyn has had 38 years' experience in children's services across long day care, kindergarten and 25 years in OSHC. Over the last 25 years, Sharyn nurtured what was once a small service, to a large high-quality program. For more than 10 years, Sharyn has been a member of Community Child Care Board and the Chair of OSHC Victoria. This has led to being a NOSHSA Victorian delegate and OSHC TAFE lecturer. Sharyn is passionate about children's outcomes in all OSHC services and the importance of the professionalism of the OSHC sector.

Services and organisations



Adventure Patch

Adventure Patch is a proud not-for-profit education and care provider, with a strong focus on fun, exploring and imagination. Their quality educators create safe and nurturing environments for Tasmanian children, with multiple care options including long day care, outside school hours, vacation and Family Day Care. Adventure Patch encourages outdoor and self-directed play, getting messy and having fun within caring and safe boundaries.



Brunswick North West Primary School OSHC service

Brunswick North West Primary School's (BNWPS) Outside School Hours Care service provides a welcoming, fun and safe environment for children whose parents work, study or simply need a bit of child-free time. Our OSHC offers loads of opportunities for children to develop social, emotional, physical and creative skills through play and recreational activities. The BNWPS OSHC service is rated Exceeding National Quality Standards.



City of Yarra

The City of Yarra is an inner metropolitan municipality which is home to a diverse community of approximately 100,000 people. The municipality is broken up into three geographic wards: Langridge Ward, Melba Ward and Nicholls Ward. Each ward is represented by 3 councillors. Yarra City Council has a total capital and operating budget of \$162.5 million, which is used to deliver a wide range of community services and maintain essential community infrastructure.



Victorian Inclusion Agency

The Victorian Inclusion Agency (VIA) is led by Community Child Care in collaboration with KU and Yooralla, and is part of the Inclusion Support Program (ISP), an Australian Government funded program. The VIA supports services to identify and address any barriers and to build your inclusive practices. The Victorian Inclusion Agency offers free inclusion support to eligible education and care services, including long day care, family day care and outside school hours care services.

Tickets

Premium package

Includes two day conference ticket + access to OSHC Connect event! Limited places available, get in quick!

OSHC Connect event

This year's in-person networking event is one like no other! Join us at Thornbury Picture House and enjoy First Nations fusion canapes and a drink on arrival, before an exclusive screening of keynote speaker Taryn Brumfitt's award-winning documentary, Embrace Kids. Spots are very limited, so book your Premium Package early to ensure you don't miss out!

6.30pm–9.30pm

Thornbury Picture House, 802 High St,
Thornbury VIC 3071

\$189 for CCC members

\$239 for non-members

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BECOME A MEMBER



Conference Tickets

Join us for two jam-packed days of all things OSHC!

\$139 for CCC members

\$189 for non-members

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Here's what our 2022 attendees had to say...

"I learned so many new things and enjoyed hearing from some amazing speakers who had a lot of insightful information."

"The presenters were so engaging and knowledgeable."

"I love the range of speakers and the resources that were provided."

"I like that it was relevant and informative. It helps me to further improve our program."

"It was quite informative and I got some great ideas to implement at work."



About us

Community Child Care Association (CCC) is a peak body for outside school hours care. We equip OSHC educators and leaders like you with the skills you need to navigate your role with confidence and support all children to thrive. We support OSHC members across the country with professional development and resources, and are a voice in their corner on the issues that matter most.

Join CCC or find out more at www.cccinc.org.au



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